Version 1.6 (Released January 18, 2007)

For C functions that read shapefiles from the current directory, replaced calls to \_findfirst and \_findnext with code using calls to readdir. Also, created a C function named matchFiles that determines whether file names in the current directory have a desired file extension. These changes were implemented to facilitate portability of the package.

Modified functions grts and irs to accommodate use of a factor for the  ${\tt ID}$  variable in the attributes data frame.

Modified functions grts and irs to ensure that sample weights are correctly adjusted when an oversample is present and the type of random selection is "Continuous".

Version 1.5 (Released December 6, 2006)

Modified C functions getRecordShapeSizes and lintFcn to accommodate Polyline shapefiles that have multiple parts.

Version 1.4 (Released October 10, 2006)

Modified function dsgnsum and sp2shape to accommodate the change in representation from AttributeList to data.frame for the data slot of sp package objects belonging to class SpatialPointsDataFrame.

Modified functions grts and irs to print a warning message when the type of frame equals "finite" and a stratum name in the design list matches only a single value in the stratum column of the attributes data frame. For this case, function grtspts is not called since the sample will be composed of a single point.

Modified functions grts, grtspts, grtslin, and grtsarea to change the maximum value allowed for arguments startlev (the initial number of hierarchical levels to use for the GRTS grid) and maxlev (the maximum number of hierarchical levels to use for the GRTS grid) from 12 to 11.

Added an example polylines dataset to the data directory.

Modified functions grts and irs to allow use of an sp package object as the source of the frame. An argument named sp.object was added to the argument list for grts and irs.

Modified functions grts, grtspts, grtslin, grtsarea, irs, irspts, irslin, and irsarea to remove use of argument xy.frame as an option for source of the frame.

Then modified functions grts, grtspts, irs, and irspts to allow incorporation of frame coordinates in the attributes data frame when the type of frame equals "finite". Also, removed argument elmsize from functions grts and irs since the argument no longer was required.

Modified functions grts and irs to ensure that the ID values for elements of the frame provided in att.frame are unique.

Modified functions grts and irs to ensure that valid values are provided for the panel and caty.n arguments in the design list.

Version 1.3 (Released August 1, 2006)

Added an example polygons dataset to the data directory.

Incorporated the CHANGES, README, and UserGuide files into the help page.

Version 1.2 (Released June 27, 2006)

Modified function irsarea and created a C function named getRecordIDs to ensure that an IRS sample is selected when argument type.frame is set to "area" in function irs.

Created a function named sp2shape and a C function named writeShapeFilePolygon that convert objects created by the R package "sp" to ESRI shapefiles. Also, renamed the C function writeShapeFile to writeShapeFilePoint.

Version 1.1 (Released May 31, 2006)

Modified functions grts and irs to ensure that the levels of mdcaty (the variable in the attributes data frame that specifies the unequal probability category for each element in the frame) are equivalent to the names in caty.n (the vector of sample sizes for each category in mdcaty, which is required for each element of the design list for which the selection type is "Unequal").

Modified functions grts and irs to ensure that the columns of xy.frame are named "x" and "y" when xy.frame is provided and type.frame equals "finite".

Modified functions grts and irs so that the sample weights are correctly adjusted when an oversample is requested and when the realized sample size is less than the desired sample size.

Modified the C functions so that the library can accommodate M-type shapefiles.

Version 1.0 (Released May 5, 2006)

This is the original version of the library.